

Legal Notices

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
USDA Forest Service
White River National Forest**

**Opportunity to Object
to the Hanging Lake Management Plan Project**

Responsible Official Aaron Mayville, of the White River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and prepared the draft decision notice (DN) for the Hanging Lake Management Plan. The project analyzes the long-term management system for the Hanging Lake area. Through the implementation of the Hanging Lake Management Plan, the following objectives will be addressed through implementation of management actions that will: protect natural resources, manage congestion, enhance public safety, improve visitor experience and support local tourism.

The decision (a) allocates and manage the area to a defined daily capacity of 615 visitors per day, year round; (b) manages this capacity through a fee-based reservation or permit system for all visitors regardless of mode of transportation; (c) motorized access to the site will be managed via a third party transportation provider (shuttle) during the "Peak" season (May 1st thru October 31st), and (d) implements an adaptive management strategy to ensure that the intent of the plan continues to be realized in light of potential future changes. During the "Off-Peak" season, (November- April) the area would be monitored and managed to the daily capacity through a fee-based reservation or permit system, and visitors could access the site using their own vehicles.

The EA/FONSI and draft DN are available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=50479>. These documents are also available for review at the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, 24747 US Hwy 24, Minturn CO, 81645. Additional information can be obtained from Aaron Mayville, District Ranger, awmayville@fs.fed.us or 970-827-5150.

The Hanging Lake Management Plan Project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B.

How to file an Objection and Timeframe
Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project the designated opportunity for public comment or other opportunity in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: *Reviewing Officer* c/o USDA Forest Service, Region 2, Rocky Mountain Region, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer-Planning Department, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Lakewood, CO 80401, Fax: 303-275-5134, or e-mail to r02admin_review@fs.fed.us.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Vail Daily. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). At a minimum an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; and 5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6) a statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

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